

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph (0001) with the following amended paragraph:

(0001) This is a Continuation-In-Part application of pending Serial Number [[09/747,545,]] 09/747,525, filed December 20, 2000, which is in turn a Continuation-in-Part application of Serial Number 09/468,970, filed December 21, 1999, since abandoned.

Please replace paragraph (0033) with the following amended paragraph:

(0033) Additional secondary heat conductive elements may be separate assemblies which are utilized in conjunction with the melting plate and consumable wick and wick holder. The secondary heat conductive element may take the form of heat fins or heat conductive surfaces attached to the wick holder, and having either vertical or horizontal orientation or elements of both. In preferred embodiments, such heat conductive elements are heated by contact with the flame, or by heat radiation from the flame, and conduct such heat to both the melting plate and to the fuel so as to more efficiently heat the fuel. The secondary heat conductive elements of the wick holder, hereinafter exemplified as heating fins, although not limited to fins per se, and intended to encompass other heat conductive extensions of the wick holder which may serve this function, may be of any heat conductive material, and may be either formed as an extension of the wick holder or joined to said wick holder in such a manner as to conduct heat from the flame to that portion of the wick holder which is engaged by the capillary lobe and/or the melting plate. The wick holder thus comprises fins, a means to hold the wick, the wick, and a base configured so as to engage the capillary lobe of the melting plate, and to transfer heat from said fins to said melting plate. Suitable and exemplary, although clearly not the only possible heat fins are illustrated in US Patent Application [[09/747,545,]] 09/747,525, filed December 20, 2000, incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace paragraph (0038) with the following amended paragraph:

(0038) Figures 1 and 2 illustrate the broad concept of a melting plate candle in its most basic form, such as set forth in Serial Number [[09/747,545,]] 09/747,525, filed December 20, 2000, incorporated herein in its entirety by reference. The teachings of said pending patent application do not illustrate the capillary lobe and wick holder assembly of the present invention. As illustrated, a heat conductive melting plate container, 2, is provided, which transfers heat obtained from the heat source, a flame (not shown) located on wick 3, by means of heat conduction, to the solid fuel element, 4, which rests upon the surface of the melting plate. For purposes of illustration, and for clarity, but intending no limitation, the wick is illustrated as being of a relatively large diameter, rather than as a fibrous wick of small diameter. It is to be understood that the wick is positioned within and attached to the solid fuel element, 4, such as with a wick clip (not shown). The melting plate, 2, as shown in Figures 1 and 2, is heated directly by the flame on the wick, 3, by radiation, as a result of the melting plate being shaped so as to have a portion, shoulder 18, in proximity to the flame, the diameter of the melting plate bowl being such as to permit the inner surfaces thereof to absorb appreciable amounts of heat from the flame.